

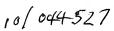
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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY	
Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/11/04	
This action is FINAL.	
Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecut accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.	ion as to the merits is closed in
A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire	month(s), or thirty days, the period for response will cause ined under the provisions of 37 CFR
Disposition of Claims	
Claim(s) 24,27 — 36 Of the above, claim(s) Claim(s) 24,27 – 16 Claim(s) 24,27 – 16	is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s)	is/are withdrawn from consideration.
Claim(s)	is/are allowed.
Claim(s) 24, 27 – 15	is/are rejected. is/are objected to.
Claim(s)	subject to restriction or election requirement.
Application Papers	
See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.	
The drawing(s) filed onis/are objects The proposed drawing correction, filed onis/are objects	
The specification is objected to by the Examiner.	is approved disapproved.
The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.	
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119	
Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).	
☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been	
received.	
received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)	
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Attachment(s)	
Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892	
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Interview Summary, PTO-413	
Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948	
Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152	
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Prosecution Is Opened In View Of A Finding Of New Art:

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 24, 27, 30, 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sharma et al.

Sharma et al teach 200-30 mesh agglomerates (column 4 line 33-36) comprising becker a core such as glyrrhizin (abstract). Addition to hard-dolled candy is disclosed (column 12 lines 20-31).

Claims 24, 27-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 24 "Type" is vague; it is unclear as to whether the boiled sugar is definitely claimed. It is suggested that the term be deleted.

Claims 24, 27, 29, 30, 32-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a carbohydrate, does not reasonably provide enablement for any crystalline ingredient. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. On page 3 lines 20-24 carbohydrates are specified as providing the rough texture. NO other compound is disclosed.

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Incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: A verification temperature below the melting point of the crystalling ingredient or a cooling step to temperature below that of the melting point of the crystalline ingredient. Example 1 indicates the former. Without such a limitation, the crystalline ingredient melts and thus, cannot provide the claimed roughness. This is especially so if the carbohydrate and the crystalling ingredient are one and the same.

No claims allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Webman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0633. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9 Am 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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